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1. On 28 May 1953, the houses at 5 through 11 Reiterweg in Potsdam would be occupied by the headquarters of a KVP unit, allegedly a tank regiment or a tank division on 1 June 1953. the buildings which had previously been occupied by the Soviet forestry and fishery administration were in need of extensive repair.¹
2. Installations placed under KVP control in Potsdam included the former NCO school on Jaeger Allee which was guarded by sentries with red collar patches; the former Garde-du-Corps Kaserne on Stalin Allee, formerly Neue Koenigs Strasse, which was guarded by sentries with red collar patches; and the former Artillerie Kaserne across from the military hospital.²
3. From 18 to 23 May 1953, the former General-Weyer Kaserne in Potsdam was occupied by an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 soldiers. Eighteen trucks towing 76.2-mm and 122-mm guns were seen as the troops entered the installation. Most of the troops apparently came from Saxony. The sentries wore red-bordered black collar patches.²
4. After, on 18 May 1953, a KVP advance detail of about 80 soldiers wearing red collar patches had moved to the barracks installation in Golm near Potsdam, the installation, in late May 1953, was occupied by troops who had an estimated strength of 1,500 men on 5 June 1953. A KVP soldier stated that 1 artillery unit, 1 AT unit and 1 tank unit were quartered there. Six tanks, allegedly of JS-type were seen. the occupation strength at the barracks installation was to be brought to 2,000 soldiers in the near future.²
5. On 8 June, the Leibgarde-Husaren Kaserne in Potsdam, which quartered about 300 VPs with red service color in late April 1953, was occupied by about 1,500 soldiers with red and green service color. There was intensive activity but no training activity. No motor vehicles were seen.²

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- 25X1 6. The former NCO school in Potsdam was still only lightly occupied by KVP on 8 June. [] 200 to 300 soldiers with black and dark red service color were quartered there. No training activity or motor traffic was observed. ²
- 25X1 7. The Garde-du-Corps Kaserne in Potsdam was only lightly occupied by KVP during the period of observation. [] an advance detail was located there and noticed that the soldiers wore black-bordered collar patches, the color of their uniforms. ²
- 25X1 8. The barracks installation in Colm was occupied by KVP with red-bordered black and red service color during the period of observation. In the afternoon on 29 May 1953, six trucks including 3 occupied by about 70 soldiers and 3 carrying training equipment and practice targets left the installation toward Potsdam. []
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- 25X1 1. [] Comment. Various information tended to indicate that the Cadre Division 1642 which moved from Torgau to Potsdam in April and May 1953 was to be brought to full strength. A tank division was possibly to be activated.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. The former NCO school was apparently no longer occupied by Soviet officers after July 1952. It, therefore, appears possible that this installation may be taken over by the KVP. The Garde-du-Corps Kaserne is located across from the Leibgarde-Husaren Kaserne on Stalin Allee which was occupied by a PK school of the KVP until April and was later taken over by Cadre Division 1642 from Torgau. []
- 25X1 [] beginning 22 May 1953, the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne was guarded by KVP sentries after the Soviet occupation had left. []
- 25X1 The installation referred to as former Artillerie Kaserne probably is the Ruinenberg Kaserne which had been occupied by Soviet units until 4 February 1953. Local residents stated that this installation had since months been slated for KVP occupation. The barracks installation in Colm, also called General-Wever Kaserne, was determined vacated by Soviet troops on 20 May 1953, and guarded by KVP on 20 May 1953. [] The occupation of this installation with artillery and tank units []
- 25X1 [] seen there tends to indicate that the tank and artillery elements of Cadre Unit [] which moved from Torgau to Potsdam in May 1953 were quartered there. The strength estimates appear too high, however. The fact that 5 to 6 barracks installations have been placed under KVP control in Potsdam since May 1953, may indicate that a major KVP unit, probably a division, is scheduled to be activated in Potsdam.

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